GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Outsourcing Heritage Conservation
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways plans to outsource heritage conservation activities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether heritage conservation has suffered criminal neglect in past decades on account of official apathy of such tasks by the Railways and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether sensitivities on heritage conservation have been low while the Railways have also lacked funds and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the said outsourced heritage conservation activities would be entrusted to an independent and registered society comprising various stakeholders including rail enthusiasts and entrepreneurs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a): Railways do not have any plan to outsource conservation activities at present.

(b): No, Madam.
(c): Railways have been preserving its century old heritage with full commitment and sensitivity. Adequate financial resources have also been made available for undertaking Rail heritage preservation/conservation activities.

(d)&(e): No, Madam. There is no such proposal.
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